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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy to the DCI for National
                      Intelligence Officers

SUBJECT   :   Military Data Bases--Potential
                      Crisis Areas

     1. Concerning the problem of military data bases
with respect to certain potential crisis areas which
we discussed a few weeks ago, I would like to escalate
a notch by addressing another aspect of the problem.
Once we have agreed on what the potential crisis areas
are, we will need to determine:

     a)   whether adequate data bases exist with
         respect to a capability to support
         intelligence analysis where the armed
         forces of certain free world countries
         are involved in crisis situations;

     b)   who has the best capability to conduct
         the basic research necessary to the
         maintenance of adequate current military
         data base material.

     2. Once these things are determined, then we
will have to more precisely define what is available,
how good it is, what is lacking, etc. Perhaps the
most important question is to determine who should
have primary responsibility for the maintenance of
military data bases on the countries we have identified
as potential crisis areas. This raises other questions.

     3. What I would like to do is to attempt to
define or frame the problem for the DCI so that he will
know where we stand now and I would like to end up
making some recommendations about what he might do
toward solving the problem. In this connection, I
would like the opportunity of discussing these things
with you at your earliest convenience. My phone
numbers are 6927 (B) and 1813 (R).